GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Deworming Tablets
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) the total number of children who fell sick after consuming deworming tablets on the National Deworming Day, 10 February, 2016, State-wise;
(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to investigate the reasons behind the above incident; and
(c) whether the Government tested the Albendazole tablets before and after they were administered throughout the nation, if so, the findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has informed that as per available information from the States, 737 children experienced mild nausea and vomiting during National Deworming day 2016 from 10th Feb to 15th Feb, 2016.

(b) & (c): Albendazole is a very safe drug, but 1-2 percent of the children may develop mild side effects in the form of nausea and vomiting. These side effects are particularly common in children having high load of worm infection. The side effects are generally self limiting. States have a regular system of checking samples of drugs, including albendazole tablets after procurement, as a routine quality control measure.

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